



Stephens City Newsletter

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STEPHENS CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Presents:

2010 STEPHENS CITY BUSINESS EXPO On the Newtown Commons

Saturday, May 15, 2010

10:00am – 3:00pm

(Rain Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010)

With spaces still available contact:

*SCBA - Business Expo at scbaexp@stephenscityva.org or 340-868-9696
Questions: Call Brian Hershorn, Town Planner/ Economic Development Coordinator
at 869-3087 or e-mail: bhershorn@stephenscityva.org*

Newtown Heritage Festival. 2010

This year marks the 18th year for the Newtown Heritage Festival.



The festival kicks off Thursday, May 27th with the Sherando High School band in concert at the Newtown Commons beginning at 7:00pm.

Friday night, May 28th features the "Battle of the Bands" at the Newtown Commons stage at 6:00pm. Local bands

Newtown Heritage Festival 2010 Stephens City



FREE **Thus., May 27**
Concert at the Commons
Sherando HS Band 7PM

Fri., May 28
Battle of the Bands 6PM

Sat., May 29
Parade 2PM

Artisans, Craft & Food Vendors
Variety of Live Music



New Commemoratives
A Must Have for Collectors

Tractor Ride to Tour
Town, Museums, Shops
and Newtown Local Market

FIREWORKS Sat., 9PM
at close of Festival



YARD SALE PERMITS

This is a reminder that you are required to obtain a Yard Sale permit prior to holding a Yard Sale within the Town.

A permit application is free and each resident is allowed up to two (2) yard sales in a calendar year and each sale cannot last longer than three (3) consecutive days.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office.



PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!

THE NEWTOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

May 27th-30th

From the Town Manager's Desk...

Mulberry Sewer Line Project

After many years of grouting, patching and lining the Town's old sewer lines it appears that it has come to the point that replacement with new and larger lines will be the most cost effective route for the Town. The original clay (terra cotta) pipe sewer lines were first installed in the early 1960's. This also includes many of the service lines of the same material to the homes and businesses of Stephens City.

For years the Town has spent thousands of dollars trying to minimize the amount of ground water that enters into the sewer system. These measures have proven to only be temporary fixes. Each gallon of water, whether it enters from underground cracks, surface water around manholes, clean out pipes or sump pumps, carries with it extra treatment costs.

This past fall the Town conducted a flow study, which included smoke testing. The results indicate that the most significant problems are found in the eastern part of Stephens City along Mulberry Street and along the run east of Mulberry Street.

The following flow chart shows wastewater flows from January of 2009 through March of 2010. While the Town uses approximately 3 million gallons of water each month, wastewater flows are usually twice that amount. This winter, due to the large volume of snow and melting, flows reached an astronomical 15 million gallons of wastewater in March.

Sewer Flows by Basin



Currently personnel from Stowe Engineering and Triad Engineering Services are conducting surveys of the sewer easements east of Main Street to identify features and problems within the existing easements. A questionnaire will be sent out to all property owners within the project area to determine what environmental or other issues may be encountered when the sewerlines are replaced.

Providing that financing is in place, the sewer replacement project may begin prior to the end of this year.

**Town Manager,
Michael Kehoe**

Newtown Heritage Festival 2010 continued...

will compete against each other for the right to be a featured band during Saturday's events.

Saturday, May 29th provides a full day of entertainment and activities which include the parade, crafts, exhibits, great food and fireworks at dark.



Sunday, May 30th events will begin at 2:00 pm with entertainment and an ice cream social where Mayor Ray Ewing will be honored for his 16 years of service as Mayor of Stephens City.

The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

PROPOSED BUDGET and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for THE TOWN OF STEPHENS CITY, VIRGINIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2011

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2010 AT 7:30 PM. IN THE STEPHENS CITY TOWN OFFICE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. DETAILED LINE ITEM BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE REVIEWED IN THE TOWN OFFICE, 1033 LOCUST STREET, STEPHENS CITY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

PROPOSED TAX RATE

Real Estate \$ 0.078 per \$ 100.00
Personal Property \$.75 per \$100.00

	Qualified Vehicles
Business Equipment	\$ 1.00 per \$100.00
Contract Carrier	\$.50 per \$100.00
Machinery & Tools	\$.50 per \$100.00
Mobile Home	\$ 1.00 per \$100.00
BPOL/Retail	\$.15 per \$100.00
Contractor	\$.15 per \$100.00
Business Services	\$.15 per \$100.00
Wholesale	\$.05 per \$100.00
Vehicle License Tax, Decals	\$25.00

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:	
General Property Taxes:	\$ 226,800.
Other Local Tax & Consumer Tax:	\$ 241,300.
Permits, Privilege Fees & Regulatory Licenses:	\$ 182,300.
Fines & Forfeitures:	\$ 42,000.
Revenue from use of Money and Property:	\$ 6,500.
Zoning & Land Use Fees:	\$ 2,800.
Miscellaneous Revenue:	\$ 8,200.
State Funds - Revenues & Grants:	\$ 381,000.
Reserves:	\$ 116,000.
Total Revenue	\$1,389,200.
EXPENDITURES:	
Administration:	\$ 163,300.
Public Safety:	\$ 306,500.
Public Works:	\$ 216,600.
Planning and Development:	\$ 101,700.
Parks and Recreation:	\$ 19,900.
Transfers to CIP Funds:	\$ 570,400.
Insurances:	\$ 8,000.
Total Expenditures	\$1,389,200.

UTILITIES FUND

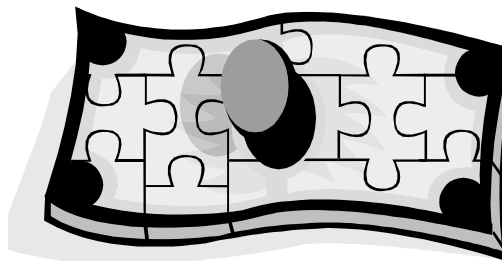
REVENUE:	
Charges for Services:	\$ 489,400.
Revenue from use of Money and Property:	\$ 5,700.
Miscellaneous Revenue:	\$ 1,800.
Availability Fees:	\$ 70,000.
Transfer from Reserves:	\$ 79,900.
Total Revenue	\$ 626,800.
EXPENDITURES:	
Administration:	\$ 240,500.
Water Services:	\$ 129,100.
Sewer Services:	\$ 178,400.
Insurances:	\$ 8,800.
Transfer to CIP:	\$ 70,000.
Total Expenditures	\$ 626,800.

GOVERNMENTAL CIP FUNDS

Public Works:	\$ 25,000.
Town Administration:	\$ 48,000.
Parks and Recreation:	\$ 55,000.
Public Safety:	\$ 8,000.
Technology:	\$ 4,000.
Carry over from prior years	\$ 328,000.

2009-10 ENTERPRISE CIP FUND

Water Line Improvements:	\$ 85,000.
Sewer System Improvements:	\$1,685,000.
FCSA Debt Service:	\$ 285,000.
Equipment:	\$ 7,000.
Carry over from prior years	\$ 8,000.



Treasurer's Notes...

Spring brings not only finer weather and greening of the Valley, but also the first installment of your tax bills. We have received the real estate tax rolls from the Commissioner of Revenue's office and we are waiting for the personal property tax rolls here at present time. The good news is that not only has the Town not raised your tax rates this year, but assessments seem to be stable at this time.

You can do your bit by helping us control costs. The easiest way to help is to please pay your utility and tax bills on time. With the high cost of mailing, and the time involved to monitor and re-invoice, it is very costly to send out late notices.

In these uncertain times, we here in the Town Office are committed to doing more for you with less money. We will not see as much money from the state and from other grants, but we do not want to balance our budget on the backs of our citizens.

Kim S. Uttenweiler,
TOWN TREASURER

Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills for the bi-monthly billing end **Monday, June 7, 2010** and are due upon receipt.

After **June 7, 2010** a **10% penalty** will be added. On **Tuesday, June 14, 2010** service will be discontinued for delinquency. A reconnect fee of **\$25** plus the full amount of the bill must be paid before service can be restored.

Just a reminder that for your convenience a night drop is available at the Town Office for dropping off check or money order payments and payments can now be made online at the Town's website. Water/Sewer bills can be paid using a Visa or MasterCard. If you pay a bill online after the due date, you will still be responsible for the 10% penalty and if

the bill is paid after the shut off date, the \$25 reconnect fee will need to be paid as well, prior to reconnection.

**DO NOT PUT CASH IN
THE DROP BOX!**

Town Calendar of Events

MAY



- May 1 **Apple Blossom Weekend**
 May 4 **Election Day (Local)**
- May 5 **Town Council at 7:30p**(Change of Date)
 May 6 Dr. Peter B. Stickley Foundation 7:30pm
 May 10 Personnel Committee meeting at 5:00pm
 May 15 **Business Expo— Newtown Commons**
10:00am to 3:00pm
 May 18 Historic Preservation Committee at 5:00pm
 May 20 Water/ Sewer meeting at 9:00 am
 Public Works meeting at 9:30 am
 Newtown Heritage Festival Mtg. at 7:00pm
 May 24 Parks & Recreation Commission at 7:30pm
 May 25 **Planning Commission at 7:30pm**
 May 26 Finance Committee at 5:00pm
 May 27-30



**NEWTOWN HERITAGE
FESTIVAL!**

JUNE

- June 1 **Town Council Meeting at 7:30pm.**
 June 3 Dr. Peter B. Stickley Foundation -7:30pm
 June 7 **Water/Sewer Bills Due without penalty**
Penalties added to Water/Sewer Bills
 Personnel Committee at 5:00pm
 June 14 **Water Shut Off Date**
 June 15 Historic Preservation Committee at 5:00pm
 June 17 Water/ Sewer Meeting at 9:00am
 Public Works Meeting at 9:30am
 Newtown Heritage Festival at 7:00pm
 June 21 Parks & Recreation Commission at 7:30pm
 June 23 Finance Committee at 5:00pm
 June 29 **Planning Commission at 7:30pm**

** All meetings subject to change without notice w/ the exception of the Town Council meeting.*

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The Business Spotlight!

2010
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BUSINESS EXPO
On the Newtown Commons

Saturday, May 15, 2010
10:00am – 4:00pm
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Come meet local business owners, watch demonstrations, get some freebies and have some fun at the first ever Stephens City Business Expo on the Newtown Commons. Listen to WINC 92.5 fm for more details and check out the Town's Website for additional information to come. Be sure and stop by on May 15, 2010 and see what our local businesses can do for you!

